Person County

NC goal: 2 million by 2030
2020 County Attainment Profile

INTRODUCTION
From birth to career, there are many opportunities to develop strategies and interventions to increase attainment and improve workforce alignment. Below are some key areas and indicators that highlight where interventions may be possible to improve overall educational attainment outcomes.

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8
High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.
Person County has 11 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, 2 or 18% were classified as low performing in 2019.

Ready for College & Career
High school completion is a crucial step on the pathway to postsecondary success or the beginnings of a career. Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

Postsecondary Access and Success
These metrics capture student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion. They indicate relative strengths and weaknesses of Person County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.
Person County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 331:1.

Labor Market Outcomes
Lack of technical skills and lack of education are among the primary reasons why NC employers struggle to fill vacancies. These metrics capture labor market outcomes among recent graduates, the alignment between postsecondary degree production and labor market demand, and future job demands.
6.3% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 9.4% of peer counties.

Opportunities for Growth
Compared to rural metro counties and the state, these three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Person County to improve future attainment outcomes.

COUNTY OVERVIEW
Person County is in the Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone sub-region. It’s one of 28 rural metro counties in NC. Overall, 5% of 25-44-year-olds in Person County have earned a master’s degree or higher as their highest degree; 12% have a bachelor’s degree; 14% have an associate degree; 29% have some college, no degree; 30% have a high school diploma; and 9% have less than a high school diploma.

How students in Person County traditional public schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, Person County needs:
- 81 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 47%).
- 663 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 40%).
- 949 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 39%).

To meet state goals, Person County needs:
- 48 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 82%).
- 81 more seniors to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 49%).
- 217 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 16%).

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:
- 2,661 individuals served in an Apprenticeship program.
- 12,867 Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges.
- 67,583 Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges.

There are 1,166,888 job openings projected between 2017-2026. The top 3 in demand jobs with median wages of $50,000 or more are: 1) Registered Nurses; 2) Software Developers, Applications; 3) General and Operations Managers.
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### Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region

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<th>Institution Name</th>
<th>Undergraduate Enrollments 2017-18</th>
<th>Graduate or Transfer in 8 Years</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Enrollments</td>
<td>139,487</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wake Technical Community College</td>
<td>29,480</td>
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<td>North Carolina State University at Raleigh</td>
<td>27,424</td>
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<td>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</td>
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<td>Durham Technical Community College</td>
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<td>Duke University</td>
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<td>North Carolina Central University</td>
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<td>Strayer University-North Carolina</td>
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<td>Central Carolina Community College</td>
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<td>Johnston Community College</td>
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<td>Campbell University</td>
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<td>Vance-Granville Community College</td>
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<td>Meredith College</td>
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**Notes:**
Enrollments reflect degree- or credential-seeking undergraduate enrollments. The graduate or transfer rate is drawn from IPEDS and represents the share of students who either graduate with a degree or credential from the institution or transfer to another institution within 8 years. The 8-year outcome is the only measure that includes information on transfer out.
Detailed data guidance is provided at [http://go.unc.edu/countydata](http://go.unc.edu/countydata)

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**Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: 6-14 Workforce Pipeline**

Person County’s new “6-14 Workforce Pipeline” partners key stakeholders in an innovative program to enhance and align student skills with local needs, move the needle on student success, and propel Person County business and industry to a future of leading productivity in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, technology, entrepreneurship, and agriculture.

We identified this example of an emerging cross-sector promising practice in partnership with local leaders. If you have additional examples you’d like to share with myFutureNC, please respond to this short survey.

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**For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:**

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